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1. MY 2009/10 winter grains weather outlook calls for a possibility of light precipitation in the most northeastern province of Badakhshan and south to Konarha, but the major areas of cultivation will remain dry (Figure 1). Rainfall is expected to arrive on October 24th with the heaviest rainfall accumulation expected to range between 10mm to 15mm.
2. NOAA Global Forecast System (GFS) from October 24th, 2008 to October 31st, 2008 shows slight cumulative precipitation for Afghanistan in the most northeastern provinces. (Figure 2).
3. AFWA decadal agro-meteorological data from October 1st to October 20th showed slightly more precipitation for the most northeastern provinces in comparison to last year (Figure 3). However, temperatures are well above normal and significantly higher than the same period last year (Figure 4).

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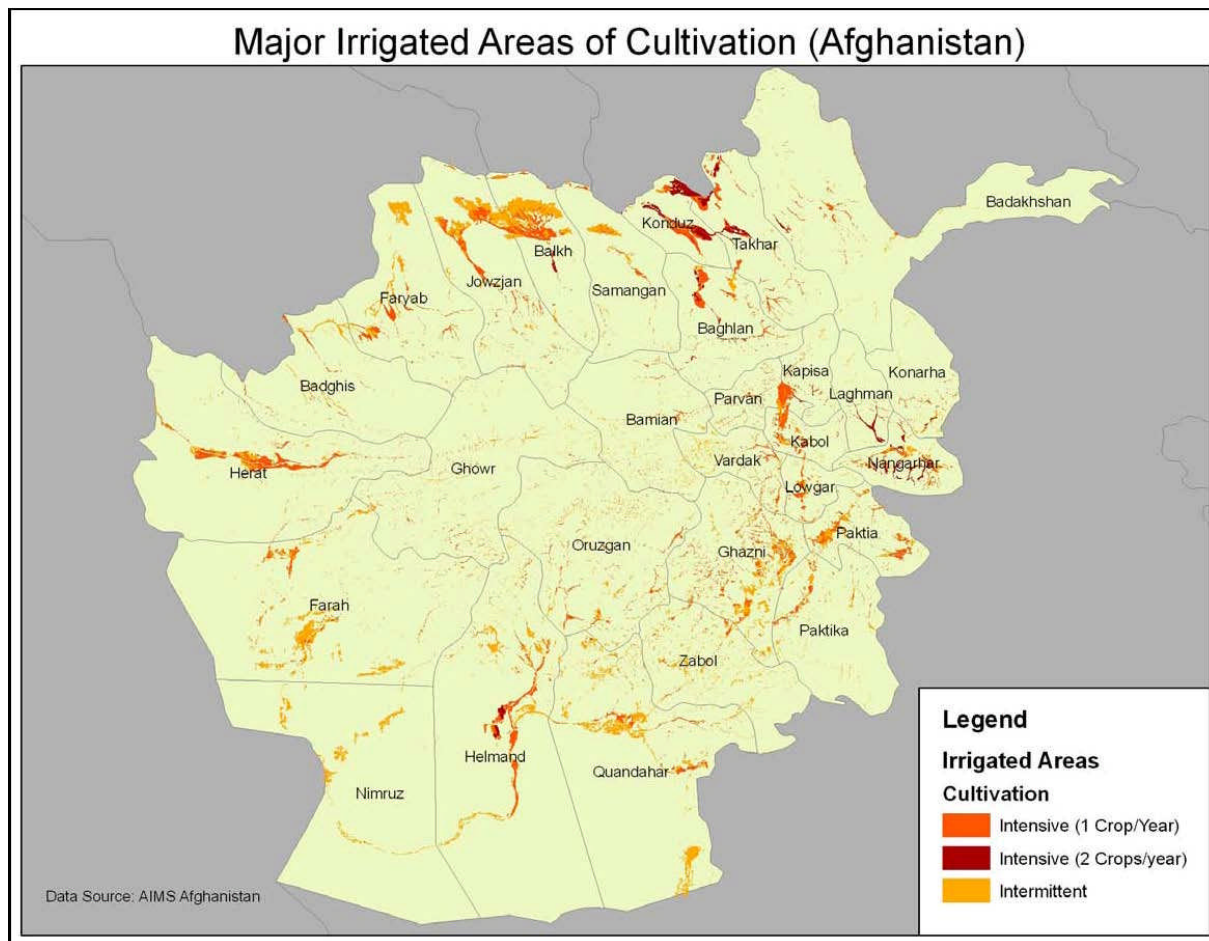


Figure 1: Map of major irrigated areas for crop cultivation.

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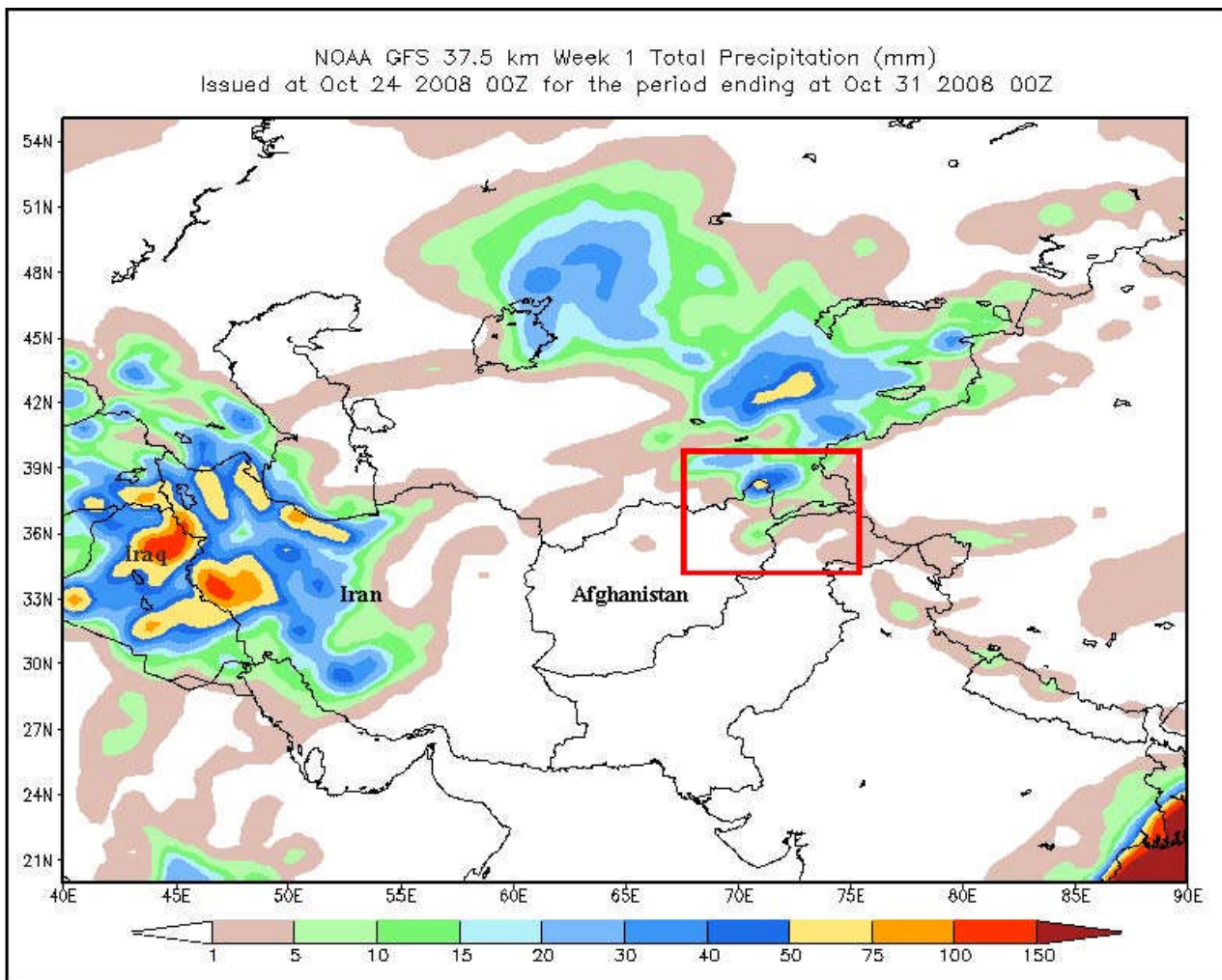


Figure 2: Slight cumulative precipitation is expected over the next week in northeastern Afghanistan.

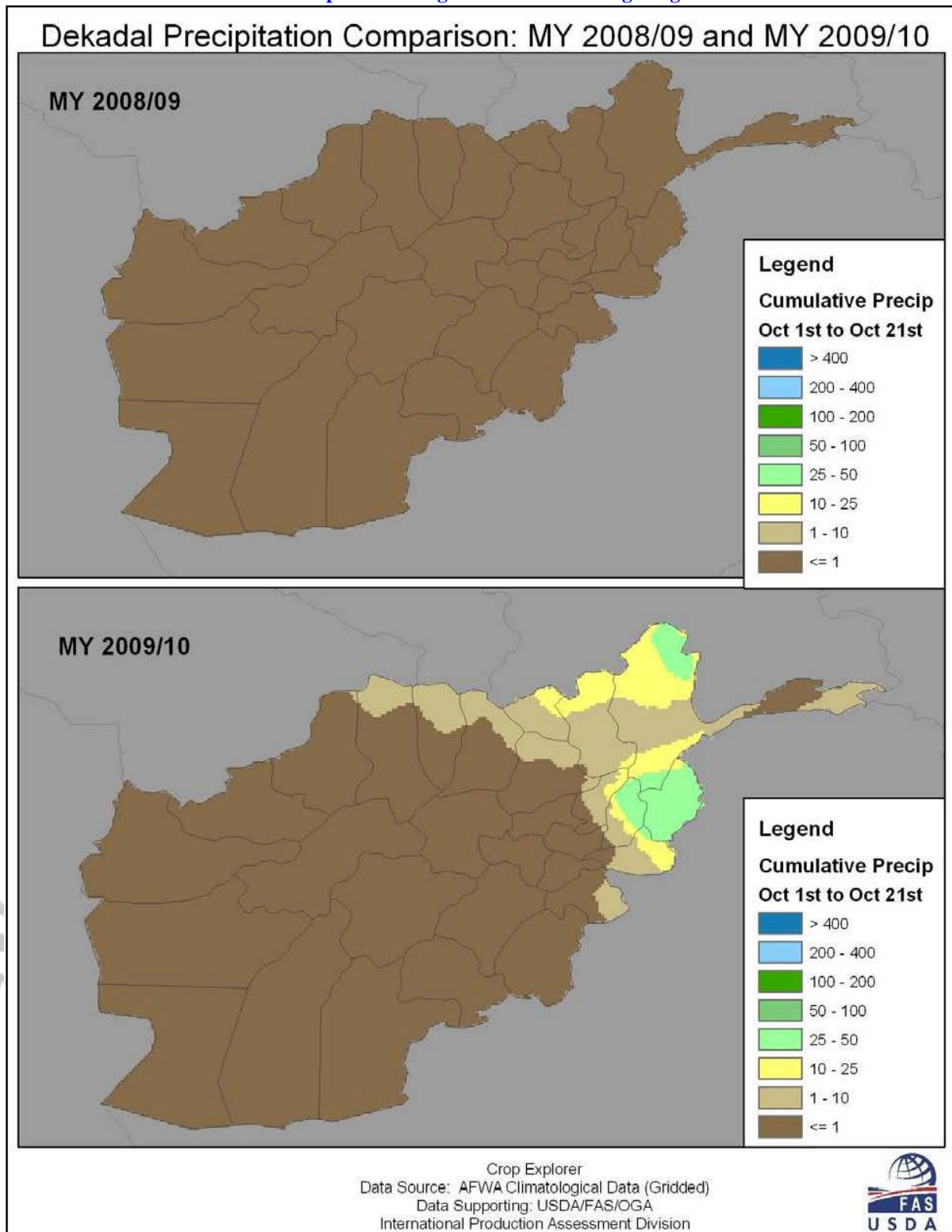


Figure 3: AFWA decadal precipitation comparison: MY 2008/09 and MY 2009/10

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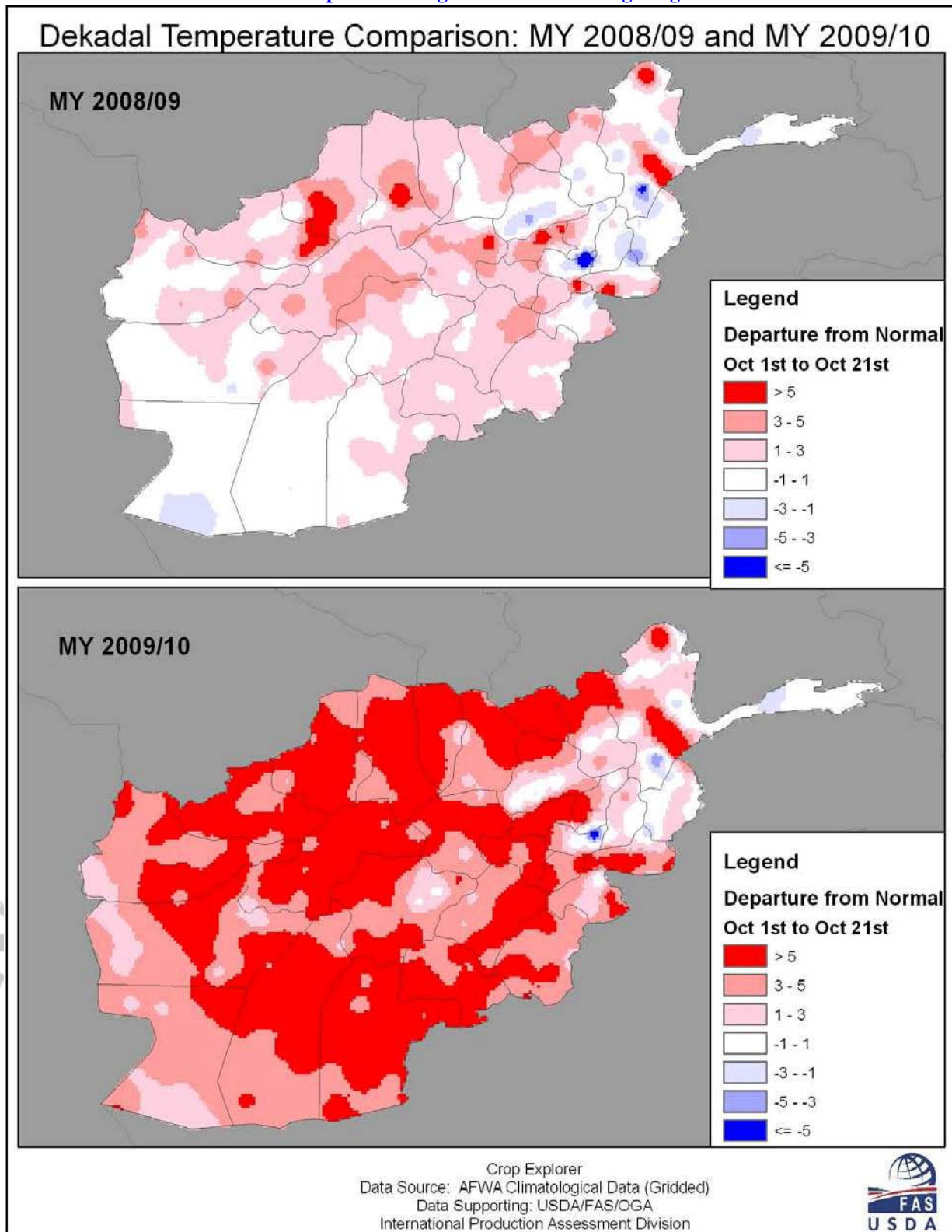


Figure 4: AFWA decadal temperature departure from normal comparison: MY 2008/09 and MY 2009/10